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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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In reply to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the subject application in view of the following remarks, which begin at page 7.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from February 12, 2005 to March 14, 2005.

Please amend the application as follows: